



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Bullying is when one or more people repeatedly harm, harass, intimidate or exclude others, and the person or people being bullied haven't been able to make it stop; and*

WHEREAS, *bullying behavior involves a power imbalance and is carried out on purpose, and bullying jeopardizing youth safety and potentially creating both short and long term problems for all those involved; and*

WHEREAS, *youth who are bullied, as well as those who witness bullying are more likely to develop future academic problems and psychological difficulties such as depression and low self-esteem; and*

WHEREAS, *youth who regularly bully others are at greater risk of becoming perpetrators of domestic violence, child abuse, hate crimes, sexual abuse and other illegal behaviors; and*

WHEREAS, *bystanders who witness bullying have the power to help stop it by using assertive behavior to report and refuse bullying; and*

WHEREAS, *the Committee for Children, a national organization that advocates for, researches and develops education programs that advance the wellbeing of children is working to improve and eliminate bullying by promoting Bystander Power Day.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL B. HANCOCK, MAYOR of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby officially proclaim **OCTOBER 15, 2018**, to be known as:

"BYSTANDER POWER DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City and County of Denver to be affixed this 15th day of October, 2018



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hancock", is written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL B. HANCOCK
MAYOR